

The Hongkong Telegraph.

No. 2920

MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 1891.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

Banks.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK
CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £2,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL £580,000.

LONDON.
Head Office: 40, Threadneedle Street.
West End Office: 35, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN
AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives MONEY ON DEPOSIT,
Buys and Sells BILLS OF EXCHANGE,
Issues Letters of CREDIT, forwards BILLS for
COLLECTION, and Transacts Banking and
Agency Business generally, on terms to be had
on application.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:
Fixed for 12 months, 5 per Cent. per Annum.
" 6 " 4 " " "
" 3 " 3 " " "

ON CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS
3 per Cent. per Annum on the Daily Balance.
E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Mr. A. B. McKean is authorized to sign
all documents and exercise all Powers
necessary for the conduct of the Business of the
Bank as Acting Chief Manager.

CHAU TUNG SHANG,
WILLIAM WOTTON,
CHAM KIT SHAN,
D. GILLIES,
KWAN OH CHUN,
Directors.
Hongkong, 24th July, 1891.

Insurances.

EXAMPLES OF THE COST
OF ASSURANCE TO A MAN AGED 30
NEXT BIRTHDAY.

£1,000 STG. payable at death, would
cost per quarter at the rate
of:—

£6 18 0 (a) If premiums are payable for
whole of life.

£9 11 6 (b) If premiums are limited to 20
years.

£11 4 6 (c) If premiums are limited to 15
years.

£13 0 0 (d) If the Sum Assured is made
payable at age 50, or at
death if previous.

* Secured payments.

THE same provisions if commenced at age 40
n. b. would cost respectively (a) £8 15 0,
(b) £11 5 0, (c) £13 2 4, (d) £17 0 8 per quarter.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

932-4] STANDARD LIFE OFFICE

GENERAL LIFE AND FIRE
ASSURANCE COMPANY IN
LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Company, are prepared
to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE and
LIFE at Current Rates.

REUTER, BROCKELMANN & Co.,
Hongkong, 1st July, 1889.

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000, \$833,333-33
EQUAL TO £1,000,000.

RESERVE FUND £318,000.00.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq. LO YUEK MOON, Esq.
LOU TEO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER.—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST,
Hongkong, 24th February, 1891.

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED £1,000,000.

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, PRAYA WEST,
Hongkong, 1st February, 1891.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr.
WILLIAM HEWETT, JUNIOR in our
Firm ceased on 1st July instant.

W. HEWETT & Co.
Hongkong, 14th August, 1891.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 7th
instant the Undersigned entered into
Partnership as SHARE and GENERAL BROKERS,
and intend to carry on business under the style
of DANBY & POTTS.

All Forward Contracts made by the Partners
previous to the 7th instant will be carried out by
them individually, and independently of the
said Firm.

S. T. DANBY,
G. H. POTTS.

Hongkong, 7th August, 1891.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed SOLE
AGENTS for Hongkong and China for the
KINNEY BROS. New York branch of the
American Tobacco Company's well
known brands of "SWEET CAFORAL,"
"STRAIGHT CUT," "FULL DRESS," &c.,
&c. CIGARETTES and TOBACCOS.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.
Hongkong, 17th July, 1891.

Intimations.

THE DARVEL RAY TRADING COMPANY,
LIMITED, IN LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that a GENERAL
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be
held at the Company's Office, Queen's Road
Central, No. 5, at Noon, on THURSDAY, the
20th August, 1891, for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the Liquidators with a statement
of Accounts up to 31st July, 1891.

FRITZ A. BROCKELMANN,
E. R. FUHRMANN,
Liquidators.
Hongkong, 12th August, 1891.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary
Yearly MEETING of the SHARE-
HOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at
the City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the
22nd day of August current, at 12 o'clock Noon,
for the purpose of receiving the Report of the
Court of Directors, together with a Statement of
Accounts to 30th June, 1891.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
F. DE BOVIS,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 30th July, 1891.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGIS-
TERS of SHARES of the Corporation
will be CLOSED from Saturday, the 8th, to
Saturday, the 22nd day of August current; (both
days inclusive), during which period no Transfer
of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
F. DE BOVIS,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 30th July, 1891.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of
SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the
Company's Office, No. 14, Praya Central,
on MONDAY, the 24th August, at Three p.m.,
for the purpose of receiving the Report of the
Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the
30th June, 1891.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 10th to 24th of August,
both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1891.

THE STEAM LAUNCH COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Fifth Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING
of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the
Company's Office, No. 2, Pedder's Street, on
MONDAY, the 31st day of August, 1891, at
4.30 p.m.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 15th to 31st inst.,
both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. V. P. DE JESUS,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th August, 1891.

NOTICE.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE,
IN BANKRUPTCY.

Re ADAMSON, BELL & Co.

TELEGRAPHIC Instructions have been
received from Mr. GEORGE WILKINSON,
Official Receiver, High Court of Justice, London,
authorizing the undersigned to act on his behalf
in all matters pertaining to the above estate. All
Creditors of the said firm at Hongkong are
hereby requested to forward particulars of their
claims to the undersigned, and all Debtors to
the said firm are hereby notified that payment
may only be made to the undersigned.

Dated the 11th day of July, 1891.

1008] DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.

BOARD AND LODGING.

COMFORTABLY FURNISHED ROOMS,
with Board.

Apply to Mrs. MATHER,
2, Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, 20th July, 1891.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE.

DURING this and next month members are
recommended to practice at the 200, 500
and 600 yards ranges—Bisley rules; and 7
rounds and one sighting shot at each distance.
It is desired that all scores made be sent in to
the Secretary. A prize will be given to the
competitor of the highest aggregate of not less
than 5 practices.

J. ANDERSON,
Acting Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th August, 1891.

MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,
(Sole Agents for Miki Coal Mine).

HAVE OPENED THEIR BRANCH HOUSE IN
SINGAPORE,
from 1st July instant.

Tel. Address—"Mitsui," Singapore.

New Building, Battery Road, Singapore.

DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP
AND
MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG,
Dentist.

(Formerly attached to the late Dr. ROBERTS),
HAS REMOVED
TO
THE BANK BUILDINGS,
Queen's Road,
(above Messrs. Dunn Bros. of China, Ltd.).

CONSULTATION FREE.

Hongkong, 27th July, 1891.

Intimations.

CARMICHAEL & CO., LIMITED.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS—TOBACCO AND CIGAR IMPORTERS,
GENERAL STOREKEEPERS AND COMMISSION AGENTS.

SCIENTIFIC BOOKS—NAUTICAL, ENGINEERING, and ELECTRICAL.
OUTFITTING—A select, but inexpensive Stock.

SMOKERS' REQUISITES in great variety.
AUSTRALIAN, NEW ZEALAND and CANADIAN DAIRY PRODUCE.

CARMICHAEL & CO., LTD.
18, Praya Central, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 28th July, 1891.

W. POWELL & CO.

JUST RECEIVED
A SPLENDID ASSORTMENT
OF

GENTLEMEN'S TROPICAL FELT HATS
(CORK LINED)

IN BLACK, AND OTHER COLOURS.

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 8th August, 1891.

ROBERT LANG & CO.

NEW HATS.

BLACK, GREY AND BROWN FELTS

SINGLE TERAI HATS
(ALL SHADES).

STRAW AND PITH HATS.

Hongkong, 5th June, 1891.

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FAMILY AND DISPENSING CHEMISTS,
AND
Commission Agents.

JUST LANDED A FRESH LOT OF TOBACCOES.

"OLD RIP," "RICHMOND GEM,"
"OUR BOYS," "VERGINIA FLAKE,"
"CARTE BLANCHE,"

"POSTILLION CAVENTISH,"
"WILLIS BIRD'S EYE,"
"THREE CASTLES,"
and
"GOLDEN CLOUD."

CIGARS.

Compagnie de General's most popular brands, in good condition always in stock.

Hongkong, 11th August, 1891.

IRISH WHISKEY.

SIR JOHN POWER & SON.

BRAND "3 SWALLOWS."

"1 SWALLOW."

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

SOLE AGENTS IN HONGKONG AND CHINA.

Hongkong—18, Queen's Road.

SHOOTING SEASON, 1891.

FOR SALE.

ELEY'S GREEN, BLUE and BROWN
PISTOLS NEW DAMP-PROOF CARTRIDGE CASES.

PISTON and WILKS ALLIANCE POWDER.

FELT, CLOTH and GREASE-PROOF WADS.

NEWCASTLE CHILLED and ORDINARY SHOT.

GUN IMPLEMENTS and SPORTING SUNDRIES.

SPORTING CARTRIDGES, loaded to order.

DOUBLE BARRELLED FOWLING PIECES.

MARTINI-HENRI RIFLES, WINCHESTER REPEATING CARBINES.

SMITH & WESSON'S REVOLVERS.

SHOOTING SUITS, STOCKINGS, HATS, BOOTS, &c.

LANE CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, 10th August, 1891.

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I. M. Customs Returns of Trade 1890. 5.00

Consignees.

THE CHINA SHIPPERS' MUTUAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON, LIVERPOOL, AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship
"OOPACK"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods
are being landed at their risk, into the Godowns,
of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and
Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, whence
delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all claims must be
sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before
Noon, on the 18th inst., or they will not be
recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to
be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 17th instant.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any
Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 18th
inst. will be subject to rest.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice
to the contrary be given before, at 5 p.m.,
TO-DAY.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 11th August, 1891.

To be Let.

TO LET.

HOUSES at the Peak and at BELILIOS
TERRACE.

ROOMS & SHOP in BEACONSFIELD ARCADE,
Queen's Road.

GODOWNS in Duddell Street.

BUNGALOW, "DELMAR," Yow-ma-tee.

Apply to BELILIOS & Co.

Hongkong, 15th August, 1891.

TO LET.

BAHAR LODGE, THE PEAK.

R. B. LOT No. 59.

THIS desirable residence with Gas laid on
to be Let Furnished or Unfurnished.

Apply to
HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND
AGENCY Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1891.

TO BE LET.

THE Premises now in occupation, known
as "CONNAUGHT HOUSE," in Queen's
Road Central.

Possession from 1st July next.
For further particulars, apply to
THE MARINBURK FURNITURE Co., LD

Hongkong, 5th June, 1891.

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

TO LET.

AT KOWLOON.

A FEW HOUSES in KNOTSFORD TER-
RACE containing 5 Rooms each and
Bath-rooms. Tennis Courts. Healthy situation.
Cheap Rent.

Apply to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT
& AGENCY Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 6th August, 1891.

TO LET.

NO. 29, MOSQUE JUNCTION.

Apply to W. PETERSON,
German Tavern.

Hongkong, 23rd July, 1891.

TO LET,

WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.

THE FIRST FLOOR of No. 18, PRAYA
CENTRAL, splendidly suited for SHIPPING
OFFICES, having a commanding view over the
entire Harbour. Rent \$50 per month.

Apply to the Manager,
CARMICHAEL & CO., LIMITED,
18, Praya Central.

Hongkong, 30th July, 1891.

TO BE LET.

NO. 5, RICHMOND TERRACE, Five
Rooms.—Gas and Water laid on. Bath-
rooms, Yard, and Coolie Quarters cemented.
Rent moderate.

Apply to
THE SECRETARY,
Humphreys Estate & Finance Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 11th August, 1891.

TO BE LET.

HOUSES at Mountain View, near Plumett's
Gap, Hill District, consisting of 5 or 6
large dwelling rooms with every convenience.
These houses overlook

Intimations.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA, LIMITED.
DISPENSING CHEMISTS, &c.
LONDON, HONGKONG AND AMOY.
NATURAL APERIENT WATERS.

ON THE CHOICE OF A WATER.
EXTRACT from the "London Medical Record," Mar. 20th, 1890, by GEO. H. SCHWARTZ, M.D. (London).
In order to attain the highest success in the treatment of a case by a Natural Water, it is far better to study thoroughly one kind, and master its peculiarities, than to experiment with different sorts, each having a different dose and special attributes of its own.

The advantages of one mineral water over another may be put under the following heads:—
1.—Smallness of dose.
2.—Absence of unpleasant effect.
3.—Salubriousness of Soda and Magnesia in nearly equal proportions.

On examining the chief waters on the English market with a view of making a selection, one is struck with the fact that a newly-imported water, the "Frans Josef," contains 190 and 178 grains to the pound of Sulphates of Magnesia and Soda respectively. This is much in excess of the quantities contained by either Hunyadi János, Friedrichshall, or Aesculap. It is evidently the strongest water for sale, whilst at the same time it fortunately happens to be almost tasteless!

Price, cents 50 per bottle; per dozen \$5.50.
We are sole agents in China for the sale of **FRANZ JOSEF WATER**
No. 22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.



BY APPOINTMENT.

WINES AND SPIRITS.
A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

MANUFACTURERS OF AERATED WATERS.

Our New Factory has been recently refitted with automatic Steam Machinery of the latest and most approved kind, and we are well able to compete in quality with the best English Makers.

The purest ingredients only are used, and the utmost care and cleanliness are exercised in the manufacture throughout.

LARGE BOMBAY "SODAS"

We continue to supply large bottles as heretofore, free of Extra Charge, to those of our Customers who prefer to have them to the ordinary size.

COAST PORT ORDERS, whenever practicable, are despatched by first steamer leaving after receipt of order.

For COAST PORTS, Waters are packed and placed on board ship at Hongkong prices, and the full amount allowed for Packages and Emplies when received in good order.
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PURE AERATED WATERS
SODA WATER
LEMONADE
POTASH WATER
SELTZER WATER
LITHIA WATER
SARSAPARILLA WATER
TONIC WATER
GINGER ALE
GINGERADE.

No Credit given for bottles that look dirty, or greasy, or that appear to have been used for any other purpose than that of containing Aerated Water, as such bottles are never used again by us.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,
Hongkong, China, and Manila.

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HONGKONG, MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 1891.

TELEGRAMS

CANADIAN MINISTRY.

LONDON, August 14th.
Honourable Sir Hector L. Langevin, Canadian Minister of Public Works, has resigned.

THE NEW JERUSALEM.

Baron Hirsch has bought land to the extent of £2,000,000 Stg. in Argentina as a settlement for the Jewish emigrants.

[This is the ninth in the long list of charitable benefactions which have made Baron Hirsch famous. In fact his munificence is so tremendous as to eclipse everything recorded in the history of philanthropy. He came into prominence twenty-five years ago as a very successful financier and railway contractor in Russia, Austria and Turkey. Even at that time he was known as a very generous man and was looked up to by the Russian rabbis as the best representative of their race in that part of Europe. He started the reading public twenty years ago by giving \$1,000,000 to the Jews in Palestine. This was followed by the benefaction of a fund of \$1,000,000 to assist Hebrews in colonizing the Holy Land. Then came a gift of \$3,000,000 to alleviate the condition of his race in Russia; of \$2,000,000 for the education of promising poor young Israelites; of \$1,000,000 to poor Jews in Austria-Hungary; of \$1,000,000 to aid Hebrews to emigrate from Russia; of \$1,000,000 to a New York Society for the benefit of Hebrew immigrants to the United States; of \$2,000,000 to purchase lands in Tennessee and other American States for the immigrants. These with \$12,000,000 now given make a total of \$25,000,000 bestowed in charity in twelve years. Alongside of these enormous figures are the benefactions of George Peabody, George W. Childs, Lenox, Astor, Cooper, Girard, Smithson, Richardson, Draw, Tilden, Cornell, Pratt, Colgate, Rockefeller and Slosson seem insignificant, although they ranged from \$500,000 to \$5,000,000 each. The last act of munificence reveals a fact known to but few readers, viz. that in the Russian communities are vast number of Jewish farmers and farmhands. In Western Europe the race runs almost exclusively to trade and banking, but in the Muscovite domains for at least five centuries they have been quite successful tillers of the soil. It is for the benefit of this class that the Baron has purchased the immense tracts of land in North and South America. At the ruling rates in those countries, they cannot measure less than 200,000 acres,—much more than any one of the fifty great fiefdoms of Europe.—Ed.]

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Peninsular* left Shanghai at 4.30 p.m. on Saturday for this port.

THREE runners attached to the Tao-tai's yamen in Shanghai died in two days from the effects of a sporadic form of cholera.

THE annual aquatic carnival has been fixed for the 11th and 12th proximo. The programme is now in course of preparation.

MESSRS. Dodwell, Carill & Co., agents for the Canadian-Pacific Line, inform that the steamer *Empress of China*, from Liverpool, is due here on Saturday morning.

THERE are no cases on the calendar of the Criminal Sessions to-morrow and the clerk of court desires to inform jurors summoned for to-morrow that they need not attend.

WHEN it is one minute after eight o'clock it is past eight. When it is 30 minutes after eight it is half-past eight. Here is another discovery to make the world pause and feel sad.

MRS. FLOWERY—Who is your favorite in local society? Dr. Bowley—Mrs. Tomey. Mrs. Flowery—Why, how can you, doctor? She's a hopeless invalid as you know perfectly well. Dr. B.—That's why I love her!

WE are informed by the agent of the O. & O. S. N. Co., that the steamer *Batavia*, with mails, &c., for San Francisco to the 30th ult., has arrived at Yokohama, and is under orders to leave for this port to-morrow.

THESE are the weeks when love-lorn maidens repose their cellophane cheek upon their young man's shoulder. And leave upon his clothes, in white and rose, A tell-tale mark to tickle each beholder.

IT WAS ALMOST A DIVORCE.
Mr. Callow (newly-married)—You do not seem, dear, to appreciate my career. Mrs. C.—Yes, I do, dear. But your mustache tickles so, that I have more trouble in getting used to it, than I ever had before.

AT the Maritancy to-day a coolie was fined \$5 for cutting down a tree. Had his Worship personally that the delinquent should be made personally acquainted with one of the supple rods of the same, the case would have been appropriately met.

MODERN FINANCE.
Secretary of Corporation "Limited." President—How do we stand? Secretary—Libilities \$300,000 and assets \$200,000. President—Give my wife \$100,000 this morning, close at noon and compromise at 30 on the dollar to-morrow.

COOK—"Miss, I should like to ask you for my character." Lady—"Why, what can I put down, you idle, good-for-nothing creature? You surely don't expect me to say that you gave satisfaction." Cook—"You need do nothing of the kind. Just say that I lasted out with you for three months—that will be the best character you could give me."

WHILE the police were searching a house for opium last evening an old offender in the illicit line, jumped from a window and not being provided with a Baldwin parachute he fell a bit heavily damaging the street somewhat, but himself considerably. He is in the Civil Hospital dock just now, but later on he is to appear in that of the Police Court.

THEY were talking of the vanity of women, and one of the few ladies present undertook a defence. "Of course," she continued, "I admit that all women are vain. The men are vain. But by the way," she suddenly broke off, "the vanity of the handsomest man in this room is up under his ear." She had worked it. Every man present put his hand up to his neck.

A PROCUREUR named Leung A Tai was brought before Mr. A. S. Wise this morning charged with having brought a young girl into the Colony for purposes of prostitution. It appears the unfortunate was brought from Macao and kept in a brothel at Sam-sui-poo. Mr. Wise regarded it as a very serious case and sentenced the woman to 12 months imprisonment for which he deserves the thanks of the community.

"Did you bring a field-glass with you?" "Never thought of that; but we can drink out of the flask."

THE returns of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ending Aug. 16th, are:—Europeans 147, Chinese 2,052; total 2,209.

MAGISTRATE—"Now, then, McCarthy, no prevarication. Tell us all that passed between you and the defendant." McCarthy—"Brickbats, yer honour; brickbats."

Low prices at Kelly and Walsh's—Miss Blackstock—"I want 'A young Englishman,' please. Polite Clerk—Which style please, the 30 cent or the one dollar kind?"

THE magistrates of Tientsin and Wuching district have been deprived of their posts on account of their inability to cope with the rioters in the recent rising against missionaries.

MR. Hotblood—"It's singular I cannot have a little peace in my own home. Mr. Hotblood—"When you do have it, I don't appreciate it, but go off in a second and worry me to death."

WE are informed by the agents (Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co.) that the E. & A. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Manila* left Port Darwin on Saturday for this port, and may be expected to arrive on the 24th inst.

LIFE ON THE PEAK.

Paterfamilias—Have you taken your chlorodyne? Daughters—O. Yes! Pater—Your quinine? Daughters—Certainly. Pater—Have you put camphor and carbolic acid in your cholera belt? Daughters—Yes, Sir. Pater—Then let's go to church and thank God!

A PHOTOGRAPH named Dixon halting from a Toronto gave an unparalleled exhibition of nerve at Suspension Bridge last month by walking on a wire cable stretched across the Niagara gorge over the rapids. The cable was 700 feet long, and it took Dixon fifteen and a half minutes to cross. Including four stops during which he performed a number of hazardous feats. The wire was not well guyed, and sagged fully twenty feet in the middle. The heat was intense. Dixon was prevented first by trickery and then by a rope-crossing. He did, however, go out about fifty feet and perform a number of gymnastic feats at both ends of the cable. His wife and child were on the scene. The former was quite hysterical before her husband concluded the exhibition.

THE following letter is in continuation of the correspondence between the Chambers of Commerce in Hongkong and Amoy and the local Government, which we published on June 1st:—

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

6th August, 1891.

SIR,—With reference to my letter No. 741 of the 2nd of May, I am directed by the Officer Administering the Government to acquaint you, for the information of the Chamber of Commerce, that his Excellency is apprised by the Secretary of State for the Colonies that the Marquis of Salisbury is in communication with her Majesty's Minister at Peking on the subject of the case of the "Esmeralda."

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) F. H. MAY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.
F. Henderson, Esq., Secretary, Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

AS an illustration of the extraordinary vitality of the Chinese Dr. Pritchard in his recent report on the working of the Peking Mission Hospital quotes the case of a man who had been so beaten over the ribs in a street fight that the bones of the ribs had been badly fractured, after which a suitable finish had been given to the work by twisting the foot on the fractured leg. The doctor goes on to say:—"When the patient arrived at the hospital some days afterwards, absence of cleanliness during the heat of summer, and a lowered vitality of the tissue in an already ill-nourished man, rendered any microscopic search for living organisms quite superfluous. After being under our care for nearly a fortnight, the man, with whom he had been quarrelling, and who had received a slight wound, suddenly died, and our patient then being considered guilty of manslaughter, was certainly most unpromising. Bad compound fracture of both legs, with considerable areas of bare bone exposed, much of the soft part having sloughed away. We thought that without care, in a wretched Chinese prison, death would probably soon mercifully terminate his sufferings. What was our surprise, long afterwards, to see him walk, or perhaps rather limp, into our dispensary, and display his legs, though disfigured, still with firmly united bones, and ask us for a little ointment to put on a spot or two where healing of the superficial structures was not quite complete. The man told us that his keepers had anticipated his early death in prison, and thought it better, on the whole, that he should die outside, and had accordingly put him out. The event proved their expectations to have been mistaken as our own."

It is seldom that Labouchere follows the example of Silas Wegg and "drops into verse." When he does, it is always good. His latest effusion is entitled "The British Soldier's Song" and was excited by the custom of the leading hotel in Folkestone not to admit soldiers in uniform to their coffee-room and reading-room:—

When I put the Queen's uniform on,
I wore it with unconcealed pride,
For I said "It is one
In which deeds have been done
That no one will dare to deride."
"That will be known and admired everywhere,
And 'twill be a distinction to wear,
This tunic of red."

So I held up my head
With a proudly satisfied air.
Yes, honour I reckoned upon
When I first put this uniform on!
Chorus of other Invalued Soldiers.
Nor will it appear strange to you,
When the fact is reflected upon,
That these thoughts occurred to me too,
When we put this uniform on!

But alas! as I've found to my cost
This uniform (loved by our foes,
But a pretext is made
To insult and degrade
The soldier wherever he goes;
And my cheeks have been often aflame,
As I've found it a passport to shame;
A badge of disgrace,
Deemed unfit for a place
'Midst people of wealth and good fame—
Things that I never counted upon
When I first put this uniform on!
Chorus of other Invalued Soldiers.
And things, pray allow us to state,
Which should be corrected anon,
If you still expect men of my type
To put the Queen's uniform on!

SCADSBY—I think the Anti-Gambling Bill is a fraud. Gadaby—Why hello, you were in favor of it yesterday morning! Scadaby—Yes, but I was over at Kowloon last night and flattered them for a clean three hundred! See?

UNDERTAKER SNIFFLES—Can you collect a claim of mine for burying Joblots last month? Solicitor Pickings—who was a personal enemy of Joblots. You can't collect a bill in Hell, young man. Undertaker—I know I can't Sir; but I knew that you were the most likely man to do it.

THE Band of the A. & S. Highlanders will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess to-morrow evening, commencing at 8 p.m.:—

Overture—"You are Here" By Albert.
Selection—"The Yeomen of the Guard" Sullivan.
Song—"The Terrors of the Night" By Albert.
Selection—"Ruy Blas" Verdi.

TOMMY—"Father, if I take a half-crown out of somebody's pocket, that's stealing, isn't it?" Mr. Flig—"Certainly." "And if I bet a half-crown and win half-crown, that's gambling?" "Of course." "And if I've got something worth only half-a-crown, and sell it to him for five shillings, what is that?" "That? Oh, why, that's business, Tommy—simply business."

AT Canton on the 4th inst. a young and lovely charmer named Kan Chick feeling lonely over the loss of her lap and master entrusted her to the care of one Tong Wo of whom she begged protection as far as Hongkong. We liked her so well that he entered her in a company bill to Singapore to search for the missing one. Mrs. Chick, however, hung fire whereupon the gallant Wo drew his dagger and slashed the unfortunate woman right across the breast. She is now in the hospital and he is pling in the "jug," but the sequel is to follow.

SHORTLY after 8 o'clock on Saturday evening a party engaged a sampan at Yau-mai pier to convey them on board a junk which was lying some distance out in the harbor and whilst en route one of the crew of the sampan was suddenly missed. A search was made and as no trace of the man could be found the matter was reported to the police. Inspector Hanson at once commenced dragging the body which he succeeded in finding yesterday morning. Great excitement existed amongst the boating population at Yau-mai for they are so firmly convinced that the deceased was maliciously murdered by the party of an evil spirit and they wonder whose turn it will be next.

ONE of our occasional contributors sends us a short verse, written in compliment to Mrs. Blank, one of our best amateur vocalists. As the poem is above the average, we publish it with congratulations to the author:—

Your eyes reflect the stary night
In radiance bright
Yet ever gracious and serene:
Upon your forehead broad and white
I see the light
Which falls from Heaven's walls. I ween:
And listening spell-bound by your voice
I hear rejoice
The seraphs far-above, unseen.

ANOTHER being sadly unfortunate and rashly impudently solved the great secret on Saturday by putting a bullet through his brains. He was a man named Weston, aged 42, and a ganger belonging to the Chinese Customs service. He was in charge of the revenue launch *Kong Sing* which is stationed at Lai-che-look and at about 5 p.m. left the launch in a dingy apparently with the deliberate intention of committing suicide. His second officer, a Mr. Clarkson had already taken one revolver from him as he suspected Weston meditated shooting himself. As the deceased left the launch he remarked "I won't come back alive and I won't go out of the world single handed." Shortly after leaving he drew his revolver and blew his brains out upon which he was immediately jumped overboard. The deceased leaves a wife and child in the colony. He was buried at 6 o'clock this morning.

THE stir that his Satanic majesty made when he waited in among the tallows was not a circumstance compared to that which the "dead meat" carrying syndicate of Brown, Jones & Co. made when they removed to Queen's Road central the other day and took possession right between the legal firms of Denny & Mossop and Mr. Alphabetical Rodky. That birds of a feather usually flock together has been an acknowledged fact ever since Solomon was a little boy but in this instance nature seems to have been at fault for the "family" fell out from the start. The lawyers argued that it was all very well for an undertaker to set up shop next door to a doctor, but to come between the wind and the law's nobility was carrying a ghastly joke too far, so they sought to eject the man of bones. Whether they will succeed or not remains to be seen, but we think the combination a very happy one if the parties concerned would only change signs. The skull and cross-bones for the lawyers (symbolic of the old trade) and a sheet of parchment for the other.

THE N. C. Daily News learns from a Chungking correspondent the following interesting details of the settlement of the *Ulin* trouble there. There existed at Chungking what were known as the old *Ulin* and the new *Ulin*. The old *Ulin* is that otherwise known as *Lo Si Shi*, a tax on all goods sold in the city; the *Ulin* is called *Ko Hong*, and is a tax on all goods passing Chungking by boat, either up or down. The export trade was stopped at first, it appears, because it was understood that the Tao-tai intended to collect both *Ulin*s, but finally the Tao-tai notified through the Commissioner of Customs, Mr. Hobson, that it was the old *Ulin* that he intended to enforce, and he proposed to charge it at the rate of one per cent on the value declared at the foreign customs, and it was all the same to him whether it was paid by the native or foreign merchant. Heretofore this *Ulin* has been paid monthly by the Chinese traders; they were supposed to pay one and two-tenths per cent on the value of all the goods sold in the city; but as they made their own returns, and the old officials had no check on them, the amount paid in to the *Ulin* office was very much less than it should have been. The officials have from time to time tried to correct this discrepancy, but the merchants have always resisted them successfully. The acceptance of the proposition made through Mr. Hobson, has led to a small business being done, and several small junks have cleared for Ichang. The position is therefore that formerly goods sent away from Chungking under transit pass paid the transit half-duty, but no *Ulin*. As the *Ulin* was enacted, including that from the interior, is less than the transit half-duty, the merchants are perfectly satisfied, and as they have done before, they will probably resist again successfully, should the Tao-tai try to raise the *Ulin*. In the middle of July, when our correspondent was all was perfectly quiet at Chungking, and a new Tao-tai was expected in the autumn. His arrival at Shanghai is referred to in the Notes from Native Papers in another column.

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon. There were present:—H. E. Major-General Digby Barker, Officer Administering the Government, Mr. W. M. Goodman (Acting Secretary); Mr. A. J. Leach (Acting Attorney-General); Mr. S. Brown (Surveyor-General); Mr. J. H. Stewart-Lockhart (Registrar-General); Mr. N. G. Mitchell-Innes (Colonial Treasurer); Messrs. J. J. Keswick, P. Rye, T. H. Whitehead, and Ho Kal.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

CENSUS RETURNS.

The Acting Colonial Secretary begged to lay the Census Returns which he had received from the Registrar General.

H. E. the Governor said that the return showed a remarkable and steady increase in the population of the colony, and he wished to compliment the Registrar General and his Department for the way in which they had carried out their task.

ARMS CONSOLIDATION ACT.

The Acting Attorney General moved the 3rd reading of the Arms Consolidation Ordinance, 1891, which was seconded by the Colonial Secretary. The Bill was then read a third time and passed.

THE MERCHANT SHIPPING CONSOLIDATION ORDINANCE.

The Ordinance was read a second time. The Acting Attorney General explained that it was not proposed to go further than the second reading of the Bill to-day, as his Excellency the Governor was desirous of adjourning the Council. Thereupon the Chamber adjourned sine die.

THE STEAM LAUNCH COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the report of the Board of Directors to the fifth ordinary half-yearly meeting of shareholders, to be held at the Company's office, 2, Pedder's Street, on Monday, 31st August, 1891, at 4.30:—

The Directors beg to submit to the Shareholders the Report and Statement of Accounts for the half-year, ending 30th June 1891.

ACCOUNTS.

After paying all running Expenses, Salaries, Repairs and all other current outgoings including the sum of \$243.05 written off for bad and doubtful debts, there remains a balance of \$789.16 at Credit of Profit and Loss Account and it is proposed to deal with this amount as follows:—

To write off Extraordinary Expenditure \$710.50
To pay a dividend of 3 per cent. which will absorb..... 1,800.00
And the Balance of \$1,278.66 to be carried to new Account.

The Working Account for the six months, shows a Profit of \$416.30 which is a great improvement on any previous Report.

AUDITORS.

Messrs. R. Lyall and L. Downes retire and offer themselves for re-election.
J. W. NOBLE,
Chairman.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT, 30TH JUNE, 1891.

Value of Steam-launches as per last Statement..... \$5,305.11
Extraordinary expenditure..... 710.50

Less amount written off as per last Report..... 1,000.00
\$5,015.61
Sundry Debtors..... 8,826.80
Accounts in the hand of Solicitors..... 900.55
Hongkong Hotel 6 per cent. Debentures (10)..... 5,000.00
Furniture..... 35.00
Preliminary Expenses Account..... 924.40
Cash on Hand..... 22.54
Cash on Order..... 1,048.80
Stationery on Hand..... 40.00
Interest and Suspense Account..... 360.00
\$67,173.70

Subscribed Capital:—
2,000 Shares at \$50.....100,000
of which \$30 on each Share has been paid up..... 60,000.00
Sundry Creditors..... 3,384.54
Balance of Profit and Loss Account..... 3,789.16
\$67,173.70

WORKING ACCOUNT, FROM 1ST JANUARY TO 30TH JUNE, 1891, INCLUSIVE.

Profit and Loss Account.....\$ 4,167.31
\$ 4,167.31

Net Earnings of Steam-launches to date.....\$ 4,167.31
\$ 4,167.31

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT, 30TH JUNE, 1891.

Amount written off as per last Report.....\$1,000.00
Bad Debts..... 243.05
Auditors Fees..... 100.00
Charges Account..... 312.00
Interest Account..... 240.00
Balance forward..... 3,789.16
\$5,447.61

Balance brought forward from last Account.....\$1,280.80
Amount brought forward from working account (net earnings)..... 4,167.31
\$5,447.61

E. & O. E.
J. V. P. DE JESU,
Acting Secretary.

R. LYALL,
LARRY DOWNES,
Auditors.

Hongkong, 31st August, 1891.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

BROTHERS OR NOT BROTHERS?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

SIR—As the *Telegraph* is the only paper published in China whose guiding principle is fair play and no favor and also because its columns are ever open to those who have legitimate grievances to redress, I, with all confidence, appeal to you to give publicity to the following well based complaint. For many years past one of the greatest of public nuisances in this colony has been that engendered by the many so-called coffee-houses which flourish in this City. Now, it is a well known fact that many of these establishments are but common brothels and unlicensed drinking dens of the worst description which flourish and wax wealthy at the expense of the legitimate and licensed publican who contributes a pretty heavy impost to the general revenue and who is entitled to all the protection that the authorities can extend to him. Hotels, by law, are forced to close their doors at 11 p.m. and should any of them fail in this respect the police would quickly be on their track (at all times, of course, excepting the palatial Hongkong and the popular "Vic") but these infamous "shekangs" which under the tiring titles of "Coffee-houses" and "Temperance Halls" are allowed to revel in pandemonium-like riot, well into the "wee sma' hours" of the morn'g, making the neighbourhood hideous with discordant music and ribald song. As all this goes on apparently without let or hindrance, one may be permitted to speculate as to whether these people are under the special protection of police, or not? Again are the latter empowered to interfere with the practices of these houses, they being of a supposed private character. Feeling certain that attention has only to be drawn to this glaring and disgraceful evil I leave the matter entirely in your hands and those more immediately concerned.

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
"AN EX-PUBLICAN."
Hongkong, 15th August, 1891.

SKY PILOTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

SIR—I read with mingled amusement and disgust the religious billingsgate, which some missionary wrote in your columns yesterday. It serves to prove what I have always said, that the detestation with which missionaries are regarded in the East is due to their ignorance and ill-breeding. The language which he employs is what almost every one of them uses regularly. A few years ago, one of the like named Talmage, at either Swatow or Amoy, interrupted his sermon to greet some late-comers with the pleasant remark, "Here you come from your Chinese harlots to disturb our devotions. Aren't you ashamed of yourselves?" He was attracted ever afterwards by the people of the place.

As for as the charge that the Shanghai papers are making war upon his gang, the fellow is simply crazy. What was done by the *News* and *Mercury* will be done by every decent citizen. The missionaries up there for years have had the habit of hunting the Celestial in couples of one male and one female Gospel-sharp. They start together, live and work together for weeks and months. Without being married, they sleep together in the same native-car, house-boat and frequently in the same bed. Though the practice has been denounced by the Chinese, who are as particular regarding chastity as Europeans and many leading missionaries, it is persisted in on the ground of necessity. This year it has occurred again in the North and the newspapers properly and justly censured the parties again. Their utterances were mild and friendly and they made not the slightest suggestion that the relations between the two races were immoral. The first suggestion to that effect I have seen was in the blatant and brazen letter of Mr. C. D. There are some very good men in the profession, whose lives I respect and admire, but there are an equal number whose words and conduct are simply disgraceful. Among the latter I would include such people as Talmage, C. D., and the he and she divines who go coupled together around the country.

A BUSINESS MAN.
Hongkong, 16th August, 1891.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

SIR—I, in common with many of the thinking members of this community have been much puzzled by that extraordinary letter signed "C. D." which appeared in Saturday's issue of the *Telegraph*. Who "C. D." is, I neither know nor care, although in some quarters his identity has been subject of much speculation but with his opinions, so innocently expressed, I will with your permission, briefly deal. That the writer is one of our hide-bound self-righteous hell-loving visionaries, whose aim and object in this world is to anticipate the mythical damnation of the next, a man who dreams a smile a sin and a laugh a lecherous action is clear, and perhaps as such is not deserving of serious thought or consideration, but he has formulated a series of such damning charges against Europeans that I feel bound to enter a protest. The writer is a man of letters, the circulation of such a lying and venomous screed in the name of all that is Holy, who are these missionaries that invade these shores and set whole communities by the ears when possible? Are they the Lord's Anointed or are they like the ordinary business man here to make money and that too, as fast as possible? What right have they to roll their eyes and hold their hands aloft in (assumed) holy horror if certain residents of this, or any other place, do not choose to go regularly to Church or to Chapel. Personally I am a regular attendant at Church but I protest against the assertion that I go there straight from a bed of sin and damnation as "C. D." so elegantly expresses it. This particular institution is a new one to me, but your correspondent would seem to have an extensive knowledge of all the vicious proclivities of the foreigner. He also boldly asserts that "almost every European drinks to excess, is cruel to his servants and that all keep harlots." Now should not the author of so flaming a slander be tarred and feathered and cast out from amongst us, a so-called follower of the lowly Nazarene, the meek and lowly Jesus? Can the better class of missionaries (and there are many honest, upright and admirable men with their ranks) wonder that their order is held in such contempt by the casual observer when they have as teachers and preachers men of the "C. D." stamp?

It, however, would be but wasting your valuable space to continue the subject further, so with a passing hint to all such clerical calumniators as your correspondent that it would be more becoming their sacred calling and a little more in accordance with the teachings of their divine Master if they would attend strictly to their pastoral duties, avoid lying, and cease to engender strife.

Yours faithfully,
A SO-CALLED "SCOFFER."
Hongkong, 17th August, 1891.

LITERARY GOSSIP.

Edward Heron-Allen, the most brilliant and promising of the younger poets of London has his fourth volume now in press. He is a solicitor in Soho and a very distinguished linguist and scholar.

B. F. Stevens, the historian, has reached the round, volume of the "Colonial Correspondence of Great Britain in the 18th century." He reproduces all the more important documents by a new photolithographic process.

Edward Michael and J. W. Pigott have been unfortunate with their last play, "The Book-maker." In 1889-90 it cleared £6,000, but the past year saw a loss of nearly £7,000.

Frank C. Higgins, a clever correspondent, has made a great hit with a new kind of pocket-guides to London and England and is about to extend his system to Europe and the Far East.

A new and very attractive periodical is the *Sociological and Co-operative News*. It is devoted to the study of industrial problems and is in spirit, the journalistic organ of intellectual followers of Holyoke, Lassalle and Godin.

All an Forman is writing a series of bright and valuable letters upon the literary society of London.

Edgar Saltus who wrote the morbid novels "Mr. Inco's Misadventures," "Tristram Varick" &c., was the unsuccessful defendant in a suit for divorce brought against him by his wife. He seems to have drawn his heroes and heroines from his own experiences.

"The Dutchess" is receiving £14,000 a year from her milk and water supplies.

Fergus Hume, whose *Mystery of a Hansom Cab* had to wonderful a run the world over, has not had much success with his later stories.

Andrew Lang, Rider Haggard and Edwin Arnold Jr. are writing under contracts with American syndicates.

The friends of the late John Moran, the poet are arranging to publish a collection of his fugitive poems. They are scattered through 200 newspapers and periodicals.

Bill Nye, the famous humorist clears \$50,000 a year with his pen and \$60,000 from the lecture field. Who shall hereafter speak of the penniless penny-a-liner or the pauper funnyman?

Guy de Maupassant appears to be the most popular of all the Parisian novel writers. His works have a wide circulation wherever English is spoken as well as in all countries where French is the prevailing speech.

CANTON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

August 17th.

The even tenor of existence here has not been further disturbed lately by any exciting event. The prompt action of the Consular authorities and careful measures taken by the Municipal Council have apparently "scotched" the Burglar epidemic. Talking of epidemics reminds me of a somewhat forcible story I heard a few days ago respecting a late distinguished representative of the Hongkong official class, being no less than a predecessor of General Digby-Barker both in the command of the troops and in the Acting Government of the colony. I relate it for the particular delectation of your Sanitary Board officials as by their fads in regard to drains, sanitation and lodging house regulation, a similar crisis seems imminent in Hongkong and they may know then how to act in the emergency. The gallant officer referred to was a soldier of the old school and believed in drill, drill, constant drill, as the life and soul of a soldier's existence. On and off parade, like the present Duke of Cambridge his language was not more choice than the renowned British troops in Flanders under Marlborough. Previous to coming to Hongkong, this gallant officer held command in Jamaica, which it is hardly necessary to add is an extremely warm place. The General's drill mania intensified the heat to such a degree that it resulted in an epidemic of suicide breaking out amongst the West Indian troops composing the garrison. (Entirely untrue, but I am sure you will believe me.) The gallant officer was a separate living, thinking feeling being. "I was afraid. Mother would have been angry." And now Dr. Mackenzie looked at her hard, almost as though for the first time in her life he had realised she was a separate living, thinking feeling being. "But why did you take them, Maggie? They are not fit for you to read. You are a woman, as though she was expecting him to apologise for himself, "a missionary must know everything. But a girl needn't, especially a girl who is soon going to be married."

Here he stopped short. Maggie's eyes were looking at him with such a sad expression, at least so he fancied, that the tender-hearted doctor realised all of a sudden that he had touched on some tender place. "What is it, Maggie, dear child? What do you want?" And he came across the room to where she was standing near the door, put his two thin nervous hands on her shoulders, and looked straight into her face. Maggie flinched. There are sometimes things in a girl's mind that she is ashamed to put into words, ashamed of even thinking. And of what was Maggie thinking, unconsciously thinking now? Surely it was Satan himself who was filling her with this strong feeling of repulsion towards her future life, as alluded to by the doctor and towards her future husband. And as it was a temptation of the Evil One, not to speak of folly in a worldly sense, Dr. Mackenzie could have no sympathy with her. So she resorted to prevarication, as was most natural for a woman in her circumstances. "I wish you would help me"—her voice gave a little break here—"to educate myself. I'm so ignorant, you see."

Dr. Mackenzie was disappointed; Maggie could feel he was, for she dared not look up into his face. She felt he would see in her eyes she was not speaking the truth, and she did so want him to think well of her, too! "I will see about your reading. I will consult Peter Wong about it."

"Oh, no, please, please don't!" Maggie's voice was quite beyond her control now, and two tears came rolling down her cheeks. She was a little nervous and overwrought, but she was all the more sincere. "Don't cry, dear child, don't cry," he said, drawing out his handkerchief, which an old and ragged one it was, and wiping Maggie's cheeks. "There there, and he patted her shoulder softly. "Run upstairs, and wipe your eyes, and be sure you won't say anything to anybody about your own tears."

He was very anxious to get her out of the room, being in a mental dread of hysterics, or some such feminine exhibition of nerves. And at the same time he felt sorry he had let her go without finding out what was really the matter with her.

"SOMETHING is going wrong with that girl," he mused to himself, "and she came here to tell me, and ask my advice. No, it wasn't only to put back the books. She could have done that while I was out. What is the matter?"

He was still musing, an utterly defunct fire all about him, and now suddenly realised the room was still and damp. "Are her father and mother unkind to her? That wouldn't matter, since she's going out of the house so soon. Ah!"

mill to no mean extent into smaller proportions, but the High Island battery in the back reach, can hardly take the *Powans* through with safety with a fair tide, and it would be inexcusable on the part of a fleet, if without hopping off, he rested on the old *Powans* guards without taking a flying leap, of two feet to port or starboard wherever fate had placed him.

PETER WONG'S REVENGE.

BY LISE BOKIN.

CHAPTER IV.

If, sir, you do not love me, is there no one else?

"Mr. King has come back from Shanghai with a bad attack of influenza," said Mr. Brown at dinner.

"Indeed? Then I suppose we shan't have him at your birthday party, Lucy," remarked Dr. Mackenzie.

He had suddenly returned from an up-country trip, and was sitting vacantly.

"I don't expect he will be able to come," went on Mr. Brown. "Perhaps you had better go over and see him, Mackenzie."

"I have not been sent for yet," returned the doctor stiffly. He rose as he spoke, and walked off to his study, as he invariably did when the conversation had taken an unpleasant turn.

And the unlucky Maggie had three of the doctor's books in her room, which she was dying to put back in his study! What if he should miss them, and raise a hue and cry after them? She had better go out, and keep away for the afternoon, till the doctor's reading fit had passed, and he was sitting away calling. Then she might slip in and put them back again.

But her little stratagem was all in vain. Peter Wong overtook her before she had got to the ferry, and insisted on taking her for a walk, during which she was treated to the whole of his proposed sermon for next Sunday. And when she came, late for tea she found Gregory King sitting in his armchair, drinking tea and chatting with Mrs. Brown.

The two who occupied the armchairs were so engrossed in their own conversation that they took no notice of Peter and Maggie. They were left entirely to their own resources, which, in the case of Peter Wong, were not great. He subsided into an ancient rocking chair, and left Maggie to try to edge her way off, if she had the fancy to do so, into the conversation.

But there was no place for her there, and she withdrew, slightly mortified, to the side of Peter Wong.

And now Satan himself entered into her. Not in the orthodox form, as a roaring lion, but as an angel of light. He filled her with shame, to begin with, at her deceptiveness in general, first, in taking Dr. Mackenzie's books, and secondly, in taking Mr. King's picture. Then he prompted her to make speedy restitution, and to ease her conscience. And so, after sitting for a while, apparently listening to the conversation by the fire, interrupted as it occasionally was by fits of sneezing from the influenza-ridden Gregory, Maggie walked out of the room, went upstairs, took the three missing books from their hiding place (among her stockings), and thrusting the little picture into her pocket, regardless of crumpling it, went down to Dr. Mackenzie's study.

"Come in!" The voice sounded irritable. Dr. Mackenzie had wasted a good hour over his search. "Here are your books. I took them to read."

What made Maggie so bold? Her voice sounded quite strange to her ears, so brave was she. But her hand was shaking as she put down the guilty three on the table close to the doctor. He turned on her in speechless astonishment, but in astonishment that had not one trace of anger in it.

"Why didn't you tell me you had taken them, my child?"

Just a suspicion of reproach in his tone, not of blame. Maggie's heart softened in a moment, and she felt a great desire to confess everything and be honest to this man, at least.

"I was afraid. Mother would have been angry."

And now Dr. Mackenzie looked at her hard, almost as though for the first time in her life he had realised she was a separate living, thinking feeling being.

"But why did you take them, Maggie? They are not fit for you to read. You are a woman, as though she was expecting him to apologise for himself, "a missionary must know everything. But a girl needn't, especially a girl who is soon going to be married."

Here he stopped short. Maggie's eyes were looking at him with such a sad expression, at least so he fancied, that the tender-hearted doctor realised all of a sudden that he had touched on some tender place.

"What is it, Maggie, dear child? What do you want?"

And he came across the room to where she was standing near the door, put his two thin nervous hands on her shoulders, and looked straight into her face.

Maggie flinched. There are sometimes things in a girl's mind that she is ashamed to put into words, ashamed of even thinking. And of what was Maggie thinking, unconsciously thinking now? Surely it was Satan himself who was filling her with this strong feeling of repulsion towards her future life, as alluded to by the doctor and towards her future husband.

And as it was a temptation of the Evil One, not to speak of folly in a worldly sense, Dr. Mackenzie could have no sympathy with her. So she resorted to prevarication, as was most natural for a woman in her circumstances.

"I wish you would help me"—her voice gave a little break here—"to educate myself. I'm so ignorant, you see."

Dr. Mackenzie was disappointed; Maggie could feel he was, for she dared not look up into his face. She felt he would see in her eyes she was not speaking the truth, and she did so want him to think well of her, too!

"I will see about your reading. I will consult Peter Wong about it."

"Oh, no, please, please don't!" Maggie's voice was quite beyond her control now, and two tears came rolling down her cheeks. She was a little nervous and overwrought, but she was all the more sincere.

"Don't cry, dear child, don't cry," he said, drawing out his handkerchief, which an old and ragged one it was, and wiping Maggie's cheeks. "There there, and he patted her shoulder softly. "Run upstairs, and wipe your eyes, and be sure you won't say anything to anybody about your own tears."

He was very anxious to get her out of the room, being in a mental dread of hysterics, or some such feminine exhibition of nerves. And at the same time he felt sorry he had let her go without finding out what was really the matter with her.

"SOMETHING is going wrong with that girl," he mused to himself, "and she came here to tell me, and ask my advice. No, it wasn't only to put back the books. She could have done that while I was out. What is the matter?"

He was still musing, an utterly defunct fire all about him, and now suddenly realised the room was still and damp.

"Are her father and mother unkind to her? That wouldn't matter, since she's going out of the house so soon. Ah!"

Some idea had suddenly struck Dr. Mackenzie. He was not given to thinking usually, but it came into his mind all of a moment, and it came on the resolve to make. He had been acting hitherto, towards this girl, on one of these resolutions: that it was right that she, the only marriageable person in the Mission, should be given to the most promising convert from heathenism. The convert was ready, willing, glad; but, was it possible?

There was a great flesh of doubt in that "Ah!" which somehow sounded down the room, seemed to entangle itself in a hideous joss in the dusk near the door, and came back uncomfortably to the doctor's ear. He was speaking his strange new fear aloud.

It was uncomfortable work, this thinking. Dr. Mackenzie stood up, and shook off his mood. "It must be tea-time." So he went out, and into the parlour, to be free from himself.

There was Gregory King, sitting in his armchair, near Dr. Mackenzie, and Peter Wong standing near the door, like a shy schoolboy, biting his nails furiously. Dr. Mackenzie walked to the fire-end of the room, and asked Mrs. Brown for a cup of tea.

He was not half through it when Maggie's voice sounded close by.

"Here is your picture, Mr. King. I have quite finished with it."

The doctor turned round with a start. Mrs. Brown had dropped the teapot. And Peter Wong walked up and looked over Gregory King's shoulder at the mysterious bit of paper.

It was plain every one was confounded. Maggie herself was crimson. Mr. King alone kept his presence of mind.

"A picture, Miss Brown? Let us look at it." Quickly smoothing it out, he held it up before Mrs. Brown, with the back carefully turned towards Peter Wong.

"Very like you, Miss Brown!" he continued, as if the likeness had just struck him. "Don't you think so, Dr. Mackenzie?"

Dr. Mackenzie's curiosity had already been aroused. He looked eagerly, though silently, at the picture.

"Where did you get it, Maggie?"

Mrs. Brown's voice was very stern. There was clearly a domestic storm ahead.

"It doesn't matter to me where she got it. Miss Brown has given it to me now—and I mean to keep it."

Gregory accompanied this gallant speech with an approving nod at Maggie, and a smile at Mrs. Brown.

Dr. Mackenzie looked from Maggie to Mr. King, and from Mr. King to Peter Wong, who was frowning furiously, and biting his nails harder than ever.

"What on earth was the matter with all of them? Or rather, what kind of girl was Maggie after all?"

Only ten minutes ago she had come to him, and confessed to abstracting most improper books, in his opinion, from his library. He had forgiven her that. Now here she was, in the presence of the man she was going to marry, giving what she meant to be a likeness of herself to another man.

Could it be that he was mistaken in her after all? Was she an ordinary, vain, empty-headed woman, with no regard for modesty in her desire for flattery?

Impossible, quite impossible. Dr. Mackenzie had never been mistaken in his estimate of character before. Appearances were undoubtedly against her, but his explanation somewhere. He nudged Peter Wong, and whispered to him a word of advice. Not to speak, but to go out of the room. The doctor felt he could defend Maggie, if it were necessary to do so, better in his absence.

But Peter Wong did not, or would not, hear the words. And Gregory King in the meanwhile rolled up the picture, put it in his pocket, and said:

"Well, I must be off. Many thanks again, Miss Brown."

"Good-by, Mr. King. I hope you won't find it more damaged than it was when you gave it to me."

She ought to have said this, of course. It would have explained everything, and left Dr. Mackenzie's heart lighter, and his brain less puzzled, on his evening walk. But Maggie hadn't said that. In fact, she hadn't said anything to anyone; only fled, when she saw Mr. King preparing to take his departure. Fled to her room till supper-time—fled from the wrath to come.—N. C. Daily News.

(To be continued.)

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Messrs. Geo. Falcous & Co.'s Register.)

Barometer	Thermometer	Wet Bulb	Wind	Direction	Force	State of Sky	Remarks
29.95	80.5	75.0	SE	1	1	1	1
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CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

16th August, 1891.—At 4 p.m.

STATION.	Barometer	Thermometer	Wet Bulb	Wind	Direction	Force	State of Sky	Remarks
Wanchow	29.95	80.5	75.0	SE	1	1	1	1
Tokyo	29.95	80.5	75.0	SE	1	1	1	1
Nagasaki	29.95	80.5	75.0	SE	1	1	1	1
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Yokohama	29.95	80.5	75.0	SE	1	1	1	1
Manila	29.95	80.5	75.0	SE	1	1	1	1
Cebu	29.95	80.5	75.0	SE	1	1	1	1
Canton	29.95	80.5	75.0	SE	1	1	1	1

17th August, 1891.—At 10 a.m.

STATION.	Barometer	Thermometer	Wet Bulb	Wind	Direction	Force	State of Sky	Remarks
Wanchow	29.95	80.5	75.0	SE	1	1	1	1
Tokyo	29.95	80.5	75.0	SE	1	1	1	1
Nagasaki	29.95	80.5	75.0	SE	1	1	1	1
Shanghai	29.95	80.5	75.0	SE	1	1	1	1
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The barometer is rising. Gradually very gentle rain for southeast winds. Weather fine, hot and moderately dry. (Landed at 4.44 a.m.)

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